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Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities.

CALIFORNIA.—Month of November, 1896. Reports to the State board of health from 49 cities, towns, and villages having an aggregate population of 737,180, show a total of 899 deaths, including phthisis pulmonalis, 136; diphtheria, 9; croup, 10; scarlet fever, 4; enteric fever, 19, and whooping cough, 2.

Los Angeles.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, 100,000. Total deaths, 101, including phthisis pulmonalis, 21; enteric fever, 2, and diphtheria, 5.

CONNECTICUT—*Westport*.—Month of December, 1896. Estimated population, 4,000. Total deaths, 9. No deaths from contagious diseases.

MARYLAND—*Cumberland*.—Month of December, 1896. Estimated population, 12,729. Total deaths, 17, including phthisis pulmonalis, 2, and diphtheria, 1.

MICHIGAN.—Week ended December 26, 1896. Reports to the State board of health from 67 observers indicate that inflammation of kidney increased, and pneumonia, scarlet fever, and pleuritis decreased in area of prevalence.

Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 188 places, diphtheria at 57, enteric fever at 32, scarlet fever at 45, whooping cough at 22, and measles at 20 places.

NEW YORK.—Month of November, 1896. Reports to the State board of health from 8 districts, including New York City, Brooklyn, and 150 other cities, towns, and villages, show a total of 7,888 deaths, including phthisis pulmonalis, 876; enteric fever, 132; scarlet fever, 48; diphtheria and croup, 429; measles, 45, and whooping cough, 44.

The Monthly Bulletin says:

The number of deaths reported for the month is 7,888, which represents a death rate of 14.75 per thousand living; this is the lowest death rate for years. Compared with the preceding month, in which the mortality was unusually small, the number of deaths is less by 800; there were 500 fewer deaths than were reported in November, 1895. November is uniformly the month of lowest mortality in the year in this State; the average daily mortality for the ten preceding months of this year has been 340, while that of this month was 265, and for the past ten years there has been an average daily mortality during November of 280, a death rate of 15.75. The infant mortality is unusually low, 27.5 per cent of the total deaths having occurred under the age of 5 years. The same is true of the zymotic mortality, which caused 11.3 per cent of the total deaths, in the preceding month and likewise in the month of November, 1895; 13.0 per cent of the deaths were from these causes. From all the diseases of this class the deaths were less than they were last month except diphtheria, which, however, has caused fewer deaths than during the corresponding period of last year. It has increased in the Maritime and Hudson Valley districts, and most of the districts show a moderate increase; the number of reported deaths from it is 429, and the localities reporting its prevalence are New Brighton, Cohoes, Hudson, Ogdensburg, Lyons, Eden in Erie County, and Warsaw, Wyoming County. Consumption caused the unusually small num-

ber of 876 deaths, 100 less than in October or than in November, 1895. The deaths from acute respiratory diseases were but slightly increased from last month and were less by 160 than in last November. From local diseases generally the mortality is decreased.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Pottsville*.—Two weeks ended December 31, 1896. Estimated population, 14,117. Total deaths, 21, including phthisis pulmonalis, 3; enteric fever, 1; diphtheria, 3, and whooping cough, 1.

TENNESSEE—*Chattanooga*.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 27,000; colored, 13,000; total, 40,000. Deaths, white, 12; colored, 16; total, 28, including phthisis pulmonalis, 4, and enteric fever, 2.

Clarksville.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 6,000; colored, 3,000; total, 9,000. Deaths, white, 5; colored, 7; total, 12, including enteric fever, 1.

Columbia.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 3,009; colored, 2,320; total, 5,329. Deaths, white, 2. No deaths from contagious diseases.

Knoxville.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 32,704; colored, 10,000; total, 42,704. Deaths, white, 12; colored, 13; total, 25, including phthisis pulmonalis, 4.

Memphis.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, 55,923; white, 28,064; colored, 27,859. Total deaths, 105; white, 47; colored, 58, including enteric fever, 3, and phthisis pulmonalis, 19.

Murfreesboro.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 3,000; colored, 2,000; total, 5,000. Deaths, white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6, including 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Nashville.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 54,595; colored, 33,159; total, 87,754. Deaths, white, 43; colored, 50; total, 93, including phthisis pulmonalis, 16; enteric fever, 3; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 1, and diphtheria, 2.

VIRGINIA—*Lynchburg*.—Month of December, 1896. Estimated population, 30,000. Deaths, white, 10; colored, 34; total, 44, including phthisis pulmonalis, 6, and whooping cough, 6.

Petersburg.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, white, 12,000; colored, 13,000; total, 25,000. Deaths, white, 8; colored, 20; total, 28, including 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of November, 1896. Estimated population, 260,000. Total deaths, 315, including phthisis pulmonalis, 36; enteric fever, 4; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 22; croup, 2, and measles, 7.